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HOTEL ORDINANCE BILL BECOMES LAW



Chinese are shown inside a temple yesterday to honour the Goddess of Mercy, Kwan Yam, on the occasion of "Hoi Foo."—China Mail Photo.

Compensation Issue Between Survivors, Owners To Be Aired

The much-disputed compensation issue between survivors of the sunken ss. Masbate and the owners will be thrashed out today at the Portuguese Consulate here, with Dr. Eduardo Brazao as arbitrator.

The survivors and dependents of the 25 persons reported missing will be represented by Mr. Au Yuen-kei, Secretary of the Chinese Seamen Union, and Jebshun Shipping Corporation will attend on behalf of the Hip Heng Company of Macao, owners of the ill-fated freighter.

At a meeting on Tuesday at the Union, the 21 survivors and the dependents of the missing persons who are believed dead, explained their "dire circumstances" through Mr. C. Y. Chan, Union Committee member.

Israeli-Egyptian Armistice To Be Signed Today

Rhodes, February 23.
The Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement will be signed at 10.30 a.m. tomorrow, it was announced today.
An Egyptian source said earlier today that Egypt has accepted the Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement worked out by the Acting United Nations Mediator, Dr. Ralph W. Bunche.
Jewish quarters indicated previously that Dr. Bunche's latest terms were acceptable to Israel.
—United Press.

NAVY TO FIGHT PIRATES

London, February 23.
Both House of Parliament have approved a bill to set up a Malayan navy to fight pirates in the South China Sea.
Mr. D. R. Ross-Williams, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Colonies, said Singapore would have the main responsibility for the Malayan naval force.
He said the men would come largely from the Federation of Malaya, a British colony. Ships would include minesweepers, gunboats and possibly frigates.
—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) from a depression centred SE of Tokyo a trough extends SW to N. Formosa and thence W across S. China and a moving very slowly South. To the North of this trough a moderate anticyclone extends from N. Japan to NW China.
Today's Forecast: Moderate ESE winds. Cloudy with fog or mist at first, becoming fair, but for persisting on coast with a fresh Easterly breeze.
Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 14.8 deg. F.
Minimum: 65.9 deg. F.
Rainfall: 0.7 mm (0.02 inch). Total since Jan. 1—127.9 mm (5.03 inches) as against an average of 88.1 mm (3.47 inches).
Reading at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Bar. at sea level: 1012.7, 1009.0 mm.
Wind: S.W. 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 155, 160, 165, 170, 175, 180, 185, 190, 195, 200, 205, 210, 215, 220, 225, 230, 235, 240, 245, 250, 255, 260, 265, 270, 275, 280, 285, 290, 295, 300, 305, 310, 315, 320, 325, 330, 335, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 365, 370, 375, 380, 385, 390, 395, 400, 405, 410, 415, 420, 425, 430, 435, 440, 445, 450, 455, 460, 465, 470, 475, 480, 485, 490, 495, 500, 505, 510, 515, 520, 525, 530, 535, 540, 545, 550, 555, 560, 565, 570, 575, 580, 585, 590, 595, 600, 605, 610, 615, 620, 625, 630, 635, 640, 645, 650, 655, 660, 665, 670, 675, 680, 685, 690, 695, 700, 705, 710, 715, 720, 725, 730, 735, 740, 745, 750, 755, 760, 765, 770, 775, 780, 785, 790, 795, 800, 805, 810, 815, 820, 825, 830, 835, 840, 845, 850, 855, 860, 865, 870, 875, 880, 885, 890, 895, 900, 905, 910, 915, 920, 925, 930, 935, 940, 945, 950, 955, 960, 965, 970, 975, 980, 985, 990, 995, 1000, 1005, 1010, 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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 25th February, 1949, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 15th February, 1949, to Friday, 25th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED
General Managers.

Hong Kong, Feb. 7, 1949.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers,
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FRIDAY, February 25, 1949 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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On View from Thursday, the 24th February, 1949.

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THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Second Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong) on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1949, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to re-elect a Director and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th March, 1949, to the 23rd March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. SOMMERFELT,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 24, 1949.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 22nd day of March, 1949, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd day of March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
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Hong Kong, Feb. 22, 1949.

HONG KONG SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Reminder

The Extraordinary General Meeting will take place at the Green Room, Peninsula Hotel, on Monday, February 28, at 6 p.m.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Second Race Meeting.

Saturday, 26th February, 1949.

There are nine races, the first will be run at 1.30 p.m. The first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last at 6.00 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10, including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27110).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to ensure their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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YOU MAY BE WRONG EVERY WRITER about bridge receives letters that accuse him of overestimating the value of card-reading in the reported hand. A goodly share of them point out the damage that might have been done if the reading happened to be wrong. Against that indictment, the only honest plea is "guilty" at times. There are situations in which depending on your card-reading is completely unsound. This is definitely true if you have a sure thing way to make your rubber bridge contract and instead prefer a method involving a risk to the contract to get extra tricks that depend on accuracy of your reading.

S. 7-2
H. K. J. 10 5 3
D. A. K. 2
C. Q. 10 8

S. A. Q. 9
H. J. 4 3
D. 10 8 4
C. 7 2

South—West—North—East
1. C 2 S 3 H Pass
SNT

That bid of 2-Spades by West was quite unexpected with his kind of hand. But it happened to win a fine result for his side in an utterly unexpected manner. His purpose was twofold, to crowd the opponents if they had the main strength and help get his main strength. Little did he think that the bid's influence on the play would prove more important after his opponents reached a game contract anyway.

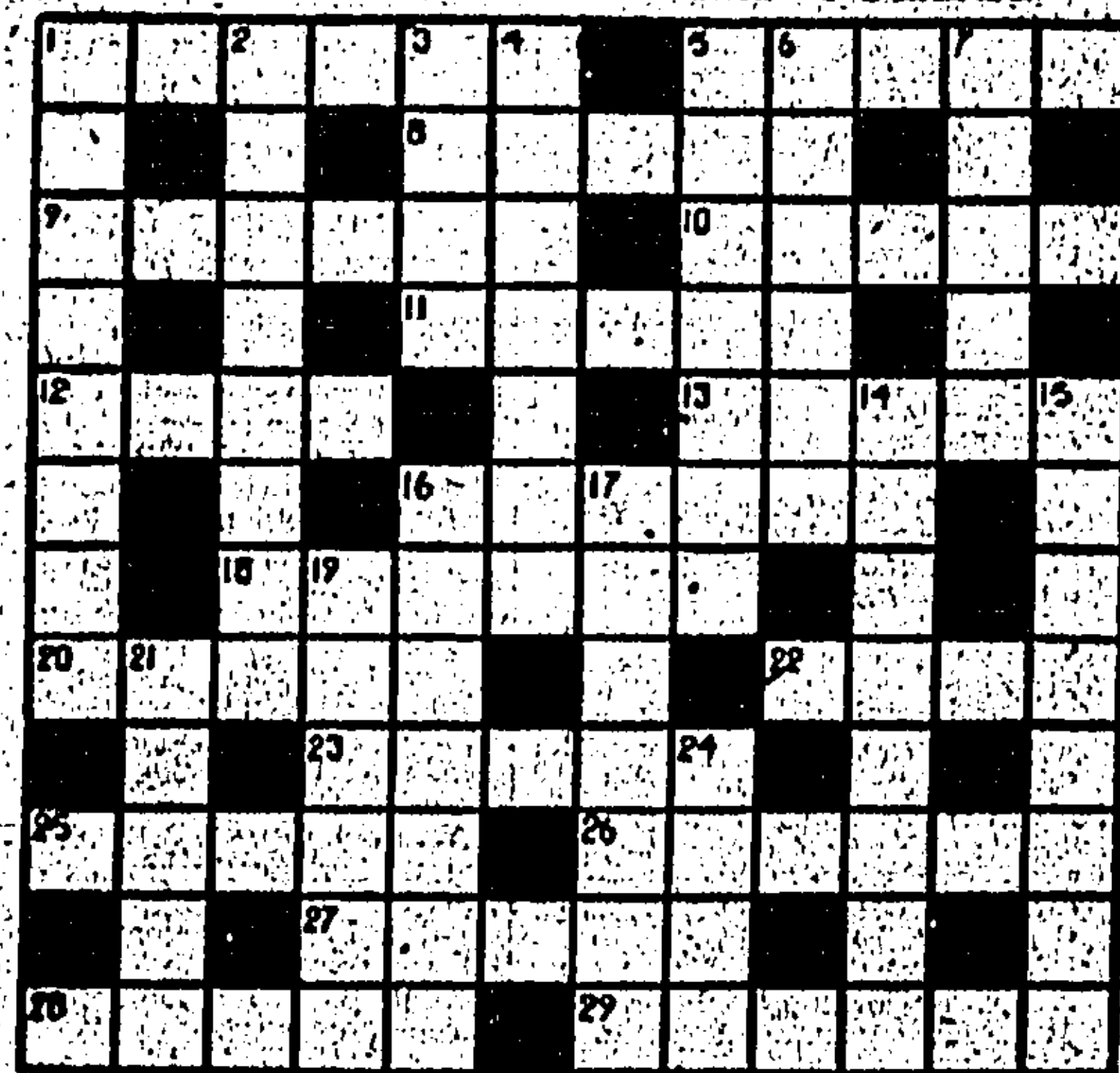
The opening lead was the spade 6, which the J took. With a trick in the declarer counted seven more—five in clubs and two in diamonds—to make eight. Only one more was needed, and the best chance for it seemed to be in hearts. So he led the 3 of that suit. West, counting on a probable heart singleton so that the finesse could not be taken against his Q, won and returned the diamond 4. Now South saw a fine chance for an extra trick. Even if East had the Q playing low from dummy to build up the J, should be safe. East had no more spades. Waste spade bid of course showed at least seven, he reckoned. After East scored his diamond Q, however, he showed another spade on the return, and it murdered South, giving West five spade tricks to set the contract three. With the heart K established for the fifth trick, South should have run his clubs, then the diamond A and heart K to have nine tricks.

Tomorrow's Problem
S. J. 4
H. A. K. 3
D. 10 7
C. A. 10 9 8

S. 10-7
H. J. 9 4 2
D. 8 5 2
C. Q. 8 3 2

Dealer: East, North-South vulnerable.
If East had bid spades and diamonds as high as four, wins the spade lead and returns the diamond K, how should South seek his 5-Hearts?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 System. 18 Chief.
5 Impudence. 20 Water.
6 Musical note. 21 vapour.
8 Soup ingredient. 22 Roll.
9 Harmonious. 23 Fish.
10 Harsh sounds. 24 Pulling along.
11 Eastern language. 27 Manual.
12 Booty. 28 Watchful.
13 Shail. 29 Obstinate.
16 Discourt.

Down
2 Sweet stuff. 10 from power.
3 Feels. 15 Expanded.
4 Leaves out. 16 Perfection.
6 Swelled. 17 Scolded.
8 Like. 18 Church.
9 Lucky charm. 20 festival.
7 Hang on tight. 21 Experiment.
14 Removing. 24 Fuss.

Yesterday's Crossword
Across: 1. Duree. 2. Bile. 3. slugs. 7. Benches. 11. Ranges. 12. Famine. 13. Follies. 14. Ranges. 15. Ours. 16. Minute. 17. New. 18. Eggs. 19. Cane. 20. Event. 21. Grass.
Down: 1. Dawn. 2. Bone. 3. Stupid. 4. Britus. 5. B. 6. slugs. 7. Benches. 11. Ranges. 12. Famine. 13. Follies. 14. Ranges. 15. Ours. 16. Minute. 17. New. 18. Eggs. 19. Cane. 20. Event. 21. Grass.

PANDEMONIUM BREAKS OUT IN PARIS COURT

President Replies To Critics

Washington, February 23. President Truman said last night, "If any s.o.b. thinks he can get me to discharge any member of my staff or Cabinet by some smart aleck statement over the air, he is mistaken."

In the sharpest language he has ever used in a speech, the President vigorously defended Major-General Harry H. Vaughan, his military aide, at a dinner honouring General Vaughan.

General Vaughan had been criticized by Drew Pearson, radio commentator and columnist, because he recently accepted a decoration from President Peron of Argentina.

Mr. Truman spoke at the Army-Navy Country Club at Arlington, Virginia, at a banquet given by the Reserve Officers' Association in General Vaughan's honour.

Earlier speakers had mentioned Pearson's criticism of General Vaughan.

Following up his defence of General Vaughan at his last news conference, Mr. Truman said that no politician or anyone else is going to influence his selection of his Cabinet or members of his staff. He alone would do any changing of his administration.

Attacks on General Vaughan actually were aimed at him as President, he said.—Associated Press.

Baron Vanishes IN Vienna

Vienna, February 22. The Austrian Press Agency reported from Linz today that Baron Eugen Pott, a former agent for Warner Brothers (American) Films and the Du Pont American Arms firm in Zagreb, disappeared on February 17 after getting into a luxurious car belong to the Yugoslav Legation.

The agency said that Baron Pott, who was also a former general agent in Zagreb for the Austrian Sissy Works, was seen entering the car, which carried the diplomatic emblem of the Yugoslav Republic, near the railway station—since when he had disappeared without trace.

Two men, driving in the same car, had called previously at the Baron's home and had been told his whereabouts by his wife, the agency said.—Reuter.

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A-Bombs In U.S. Possession

Munich, February 23. One of five men on trial here on charge of spying on the American occupation Army carried a document reporting that the United States had made 600 atomic bombs but lost one of them, a German policeman testified today.

The policeman told a United States Military Commission that he found a document among papers which the Polish defendant, Tadeusz Szendler, was carrying in a woman's handbag.

The report on the atom bomb said in part: "American units in Western Germany have a different countenance since the Berlin situation. The United States has produced 600 atomic bombs. An atomic bomb has been lost in the United States."—United Press.

Paris, February 22.

White-haired Nikola Antonov, one of three witnesses in the Kravchenko libel case, wanted by Moscow for "war crimes," told the crowded court today that he was Stalin's prisoner for nine years and was once beaten in insolence by the Russian secret police.

The witness described Victor Kravchenko, author of the anti-Soviet best seller "I Chose Freedom" as a man of "high character."

Today's session opened with an accusation by Kravchenko's counsel that the Kremlin and its Paris Embassy are deliberately interfering with the case by demanding that France hand over three witnesses for trial as war criminals.

The presiding judge, M. Henri Durkheim, said the Soviet request, handed in last night, is beyond the court's competence. Kravchenko himself, who has been ill, was in court again today.

Heated argument between the judge and lawyers for both sides ended when Antonov entered the witness box. During his years in Soviet concentration camps, he had been forcibly fed, kept for six days in a small cell and then put under powerful light during questioning, he stated.

Another time he was subjected to the "monkey" treatment. Nine men fired questions at him one after the other, some serious and some silly. He had to answer right away.

Million Prisoners

When he said that a 1,000,000 prisoners were held in one group of concentration camps, Judge Durkheim asked him through an interpreter to confirm that this was what he meant.

Kravchenko's lawyer said he would produce special currency notes used in Russian concentration camps to show the size of the prison system.

Antonov said he had been sentenced to 15 years but had benefited from an amnesty. He had been arrested three times and spent nine years in Soviet concentration camps.

Witness said that one series of camps of the Baltic-White Sea canal construction team held a 1,000,000 prisoners. He denied accusations made against him in the Soviet note. He said he came to Paris from the French occupation Zone of Germany, where his case had been examined by three Commissions—

one of which included Russian officers. He had been recognised as a genuine displaced person, he added.

Slanging Match

Pandemonium broke out in the court a few minutes later and Kravchenko and M. Andre Wurmser, one of the defendants, almost came to blows about questions put to Antonov.

Grandmae barred the gangway between the two men who shouted insults at each other in French and Russian. Kravchenko shouted that he wanted to get from the French authorities in Germany all the documents concerning Antonov and "stop this comedy by these provocateurs."

The slanging match between Wurmser and Kravchenko, while Judge Durkheim banged on his desk and shouted for order.

Pandemonium broke out again when M. Andre Izard announced that the plaintiff would get all the documents about Antonov from the French Zone and put them before the court.

Meanwhile, the next witness, Lilya Antonov, a middle-aged woman in a black dress, was

GEORGE DIDN'T TELL A LIE

San Antonio, Texas, February 22. George Washington was arrested here today on the anniversary of the birth of the first United States President.

This George, aged 31, was arrested for running through a stop sign and driving without a licence.

He did not tell a lie. He signed a ticket admitting his guilt.—United Press.

Britain Rejects Berlin Report

London, February 22.

Britain regards the report of the Security Council "Neutrals Committee" on the Berlin currency deadlock as unacceptable as a basis for discussion between the four great powers, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He had been asked to comment on a statement in the Soviet Communist newspaper "Pravda" that Russia had accepted the Committee's report as a basis, while the Western powers had rejected it. The contents of the Committee's report have not yet been published, nor have the four powers' replies to the "Neutrals Committee."

The report is now in the hands of the Security Council, which has to decide on the next step. The spokesman said that if nobody places the report on the agenda of the Security Council, it might then be allowed to lapse.

It is important to recall certain developments which have taken place in Berlin since the appointment of the "Neutrals Committee," the spokesman said. On the very day after its appointment, the Soviet authorities set up a "puppet Magistrat in Berlin," he declared.

During the Committee's discussions, further measures had been taken by the Soviet authorities to complete the split between the Soviet and Western sectors of the city. Thus, the spokesman said, the "Neutrals

Committee" was working on the basis of a directive, the four powers' directive of August 30 to the Military Governors in Berlin, which is no longer valid. That directive, he recalled, was based on the administration of the city on a four-power basis.

The spokesman said the Committee had been instructed not only to work on the basis of the August 30 directive but also to take account of subsequent events in Berlin.

If Berlin had not been split, he claimed, the experts of the "Neutrals Committee" would have had a much easier task. They would have been able to work on the basis of a single banking and credit system in Berlin and there would also have been far less difficulty over the question of guarantees of non-discrimination in the currency change-over and in the supply of credits to all sectors of the city.—Reuter.

POPE'S REST

Vatican City, February 22.

The Pope is taking short rest after his intense activity in the past week. The Pope will be 73 on March 2.—Reuter.

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RED ARMY WOULD GET SUPPORT IN FRANCE--THOREZ

Paris, February 22.

If the Soviet Army should occupy Paris in any future war it would get the same popular co-operation as it did in Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

Maurice Thorez, French Communist leader, made this statement to an emergency meeting of the French Communist Party's Central Committee.

He said he made it in reply to questions asked by "enemies of the people, seeking to embarrass us."

He said: "Since the question has been put to us, let us reply clearly. If the common efforts of all liberty-loving and peace-loving French do not succeed in bringing our country into the camp of democracy and peace, if as a result our people are dragged against its will into an anti-Soviet war and if in these conditions the Soviet Army, defending the people's cause and the cause of Socialism, was 'led to drive out aggressors from our soil, could the workers and the people of France behave differently toward the Soviet Army than the workers and people of Poland, Rumania, Yugoslavia and so forth?"

Thorez said the Soviet Union never would act as an aggressor against any other country.

"The Facts"

"A country of Socialism cannot by definition practice the policy of aggression and war which is the deed of imperialist powers. We take our stand on facts and not on hypotheses."

"The present facts are: active co-operation of the French Government in the aggressive policy of the Anglo-Saxon imperialisms, the presence of a foreign general staff at Fontainebleau, the transformation of our country and French overseas territories into bases of aggression against the USSR and countries of popular democracy."

The Central Committee session was held in secret and Thorez's statement was released in the form of a communiqué—by the Communist Party. No further details of the meeting were disclosed.—United Press.

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London, February 23. The "Financial Times" declared in an editorial today that the British Government should use all its strength to press for an equitable solution of the Japanese textile problem.

Commenting on the review of the Lancashire cotton industry, published by Sir Raymond-Streat, Chairman of the Cotton Board, who recently returned from conferences with United States textile manufacturers, the "Financial Times" urged for Anglo-American co-operation in meeting the menace of Japanese competition.

"American business sense and British Government and industrial experience should be combined to induce the powers in Tokyo to realize the danger of making textiles the sole prop of a revived Japan," said the editorial.

Rice Wages

It added that both the British and American Ministers of Foreign Affairs should understand that policies cannot survive successfully merely on political expediency.

The editorial concluded: "Pre-occupation with the blind wall of foreign frontiers will sooner or later bring hard blows on the economic heads of these concerned."

In the review, Sir Raymond made no mention of his conferences with American textile manufacturers. He observed, however, that "our future is bound up with action by the United States concerning its policies in Japan... who cannot again be allowed to flood the world with cheap goods produced at the low cost of rice standard wages."

—United Press.

London Hints Of Pacific Pact

London, February 22. An early announcement on the date and place of the proposed conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers is expected by Parliamentary quarters.

The Commonwealth countries have been exchanging views on the possibility of holding such a conference in Ceylon in May.

The scope of the projected conference will include general subjects of interest to the member nations, but the problems of South East Asia and the Pacific Dominions—political, social, economic and defensive—will rank high in the agenda.

Some Parliamentary quarters expect that some Pacific counterpart of the Atlantic Pact will be considered.

Anti-Tito Plot Failed

Belgrade, February 22. An armed revolt against the Tito regime was planned for last September, according to newspaper accounts today of a trial which opened yesterday before the Belgrade district court.

Standing trial are 10 persons, one a woman, alleged to be members of the "National Committee of Yugoslavia," which is alleged to have begun last May trying to collect arms and material and secure the help of a foreign power.

Two of the accused, Miro Vrankovic, and Mirko Hrdanovic, are stated to have sent a map to a "foreign Embassy" with a request that arms should be dropped at marked points. They are reported to have associated with the Chetniks, followers of the Serbian General Draza Mihailovic, who was executed for treason in July 1946.

The "armed rebellion" against the regime was to have started at Kladovo, a town on the Danube close to the "Iron Gates," —Reuter.

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SOCIALISTS ALL OUT FOR VICTORY

London, February 22.

The Labour Party today threw an assault force of all 30 Socialist bye-election victors since 1945 into the final fierce stages of the key Parliamentary contest at South Hammersmith, London.

Polling takes place on Thursday. A tempestuous eve-of-the-poll clash is expected tomorrow when the Conservative Opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, will lead his party's attack on this Government seat in a seven-mile tour of the constituency.

The Government won Hammersmith at the 1945 general election with the small majority of 3,458. A Conservative win would be the first Government loss of a seat won or held in 1945.

Both sides attach great significance to the contest in this part-industrial, part-residential West London Borough.

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A Government victory would also stimulate Mr. Churchill's followers, depressed after Labour's recent substantial majority in defending its seat at Batley, Yorkshire.

One of these was the Government's Battle majority of 7,600, taken to indicate that Labour's privilege has not suffered from the publicity given to the Lynskey Tribunal which recently investigated allegations of corruption in Government circles.

The other was the Government's "show-down" with the Opposition in Parliament last week over the cost of running Britain's new Health Service.

—Reuter.

NO OFFER MADE FOR MANUS

Cairn, February 22. Dr. Herbert Ewart, Australian External Affairs Minister, today denied that the United States had made an offer for Manus Island, the Australian Pacific naval base.

"Manus is now established as our foremost Northern base," he declared.

"Australia's relations with the United States are those of the greatest comradeship. Australia is consistently maintaining this attitude."

"I deny the suggestion that America offered to spend \$300 million dollars on development of Manus Island as a Pacific base," Dr. Ewart continued.

(An Australian naval party arrived this month to take over Manus, which was evacuated by the Americans in 1945 according to the "Sydney Sun." The United States wartime base on the island was established at a cost of \$500 million, the paper added.) —Reuter.

BIGGEST DRIVE AGAINST TB

Lake Success, February 22.

The aim of the international tuberculosis campaign is to immunize more than 100,000,000 people in Asia, Europe and the Middle East and Latin America.

Work in India began in December, while demonstrations on the use of vaccines will soon take place in Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and China.

Dr. J. Holm, head of the campaign, the biggest drive against the disease ever to be launched, said that 6,700,000 European children and young adults had already been vaccinated.

The campaign in Europe is being carried out in Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Greece and Austria.

—Reuter.

Corporal Shot Dead

Singapore, February 22. A corporal of the Devonshire Regiment was shot dead today by a terrorist in the Menangkab district of Pahang, about 200 miles North of Singapore. The terrorist, a sentry guarding a jungle hut, fired on the corporal with an automatic weapon. He then jumped into the jungle. Twelve armed terrorists in another incident today inflicted \$740,000 worth of damage to the Puchong Estate, only 11 miles South West of Kuala Lumpur, capital of the Federation of Malaya. They burned down nearly every building on the estate. —Reuter.

New Ceylon Governor

London, February 22. Lord Soulbury has been appointed Governor-General of Ceylon in succession to Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, who was announced tonight. Sir Henry will relinquish his appointment towards the end of the year.

Lord Soulbury, formerly Mr. Herwald Ramsbotham, was a Conservative Member of Parliament and held several Ministerial posts before he was created a Baron in 1941. In 1944, he was chairman of the Ceylon Commission which investigated constitutional reform for the island.

Lord Soulbury was chairman of a Colonial Office Commission of Inquiry into the sugar industry of Antigua, Trinidad and St. Kitts, the British West Indies.

Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, who is 61, was appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief in 1944, and became Governor-General when Ceylon attained her new status as an independent Dominion. —Reuter.

British Exports At New High

London, February 22.

United Kingdom exports for January reached a record total of £159,200,000—£13,500,000 above December and £12,100,000 above the previous highest recorded in November last.

Allowing for the rise in prices since 1938, the volume of exports in January is provisionally estimated at 162% of that year as compared with 148% in December and 140% in November.

The increase was caused by the sharp rise in manufactured goods exports, which were £14,300,000 higher than in December, particularly in vehicles and machinery.

Cotton-goods exports at £13,800,000 were below the high December total but £700,000 above the fourth quarter average. Woolen and worsted goods exports were at £4,500,000, the highest in value since 1920 and £1,400,000 above December.

January imports were also a record, totalling £187,200,000 or £8,600,000 above December and £1,600,000 above the previous peak in July last.

The biggest rise in imports was food, drink and tobacco, which were \$5,900,000 higher at £89,700,000 with manufactured goods \$3,600,000 up at £40,900,000. Machinery imports, at £4,400,000, were the highest since the end of the war. The adverse trade balance has fallen to £22,900,000, continuing the trend begun in August last. —Reuter.

HONG KONG NAVAL DEFENCE RAISED IN THE COMMONS

London, February 22.

Approval has been given in Hong Kong for the formation of a combined Volunteer Force of all three Services.

Mr. David Rees Williams, Under-Secretary for Colonies, said this in the House of Commons today.

The force, he added, includes a small naval component for harbour patrol, minesweeping and anti-piracy duties which are particularly important in these waters.

Mr. Rees Williams was speaking on the British Colonial Navy Defence Bill, which provides for improved naval defence arrangements in British colonial territories, particularly in Malayan and East African waters.

No ships would be sent to the China Seas, the Indian or the Pacific Oceans if the Royal Navy did not give protection against pirates, he said.

It is proposed that a number of the colonies might jointly raise a naval force which could form part of the Royal Naval Reserve or the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Piracy Control

In the Far East, it had been agreed that Singapore would assume the main responsibility for the naval forces but undoubtedly a large number of Malaysians would be attracted. —Reuter.

Minesweepers, launches, small craft, and possibly frigates will form the main body of the force, whose functions will include piracy control.

Mr. Rees Williams said that the Far East African governments have agreed to combine in raising and maintaining a regular full-time naval force based on Mombasa. It will undertake coastal and harbour patrol and minesweeping.

BULGANIN ORDER OF THE DAY

London, February 22.

Marshal Bulganin, Soviet Minister of the Armed Forces, today issued an Order of the Day, calling for a high standard of military preparedness constantly maintained. Moscow Radio reported tonight.

The Order, issued on the eve of the 31st anniversary of the Red Army, declared: "While the ruling circles of the United States are striving for world domination and pursuing a policy of aggression aimed at unleashing a new war, the Soviet Union, which is successfully realising its plan for domestic reconstruction, is fighting with determination for a lasting and democratic peace."

Marshal Bulganin's Order gave instructions for 20 artillery salutes to be fired tomorrow in Moscow, the capitals of the Republics and the other main cities of the Soviet Union. Celebrations took place throughout the Soviet Union today in readiness for tomorrow's anniversary.

Tass reported that reunion parties of ex-soldiers and partisans were held in most towns, and in Leningrad crews of ships went ashore to take part in the celebrations. —Reuter.

VETERAN DEAD

Sydney, February 22.

Brigadier-General Austin Thomas Anderson, who saw service on the North West Frontier of India at the end of the last century, died here today. He served in the Chitral, Belit, and the Tichit Field Force, and the Tirah Expeditionary Force and was author of "A Brindley—A Short History of Lucknow." Brigadier-General Anderson is survived by his widow and a daughter. —Reuter.

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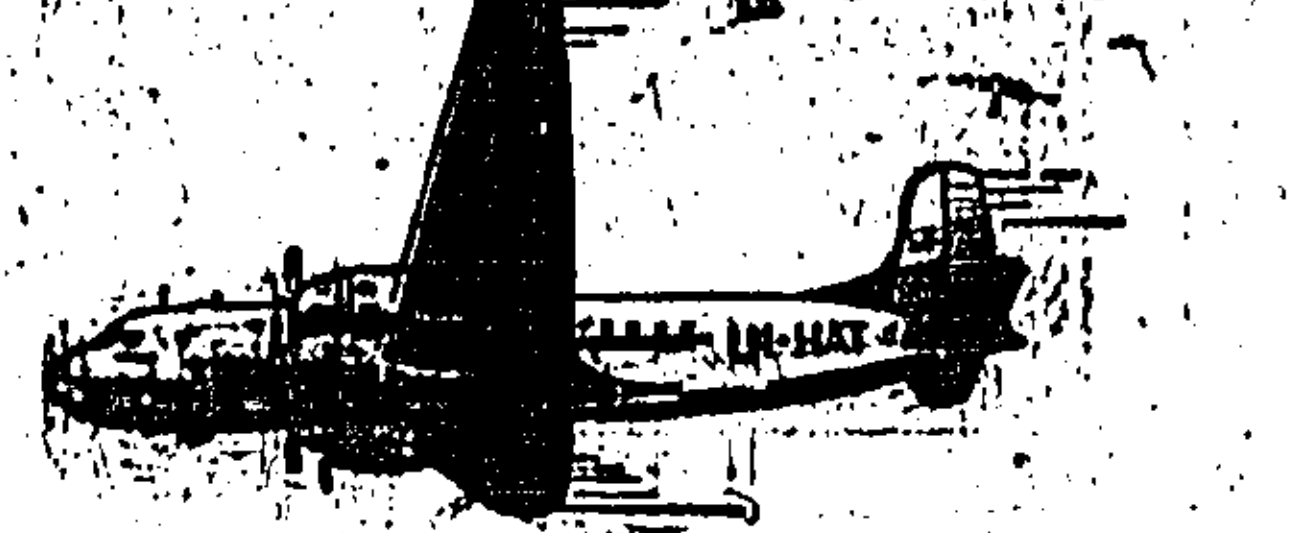
London, February 22.

Loose teeth, get false ones, unclean new, free universal dental scheme, and go back and sell them in the bazaars of their country. Lord Howe told the House of Lords today.

He was complaining that these facilities were available to any foreigner without payment.

Lord Listowel, Minister of State for the Colonies, replied that the average foreign visitor only stays about a month. It was not likely that the benefits would get world cost very much. —Reuter.

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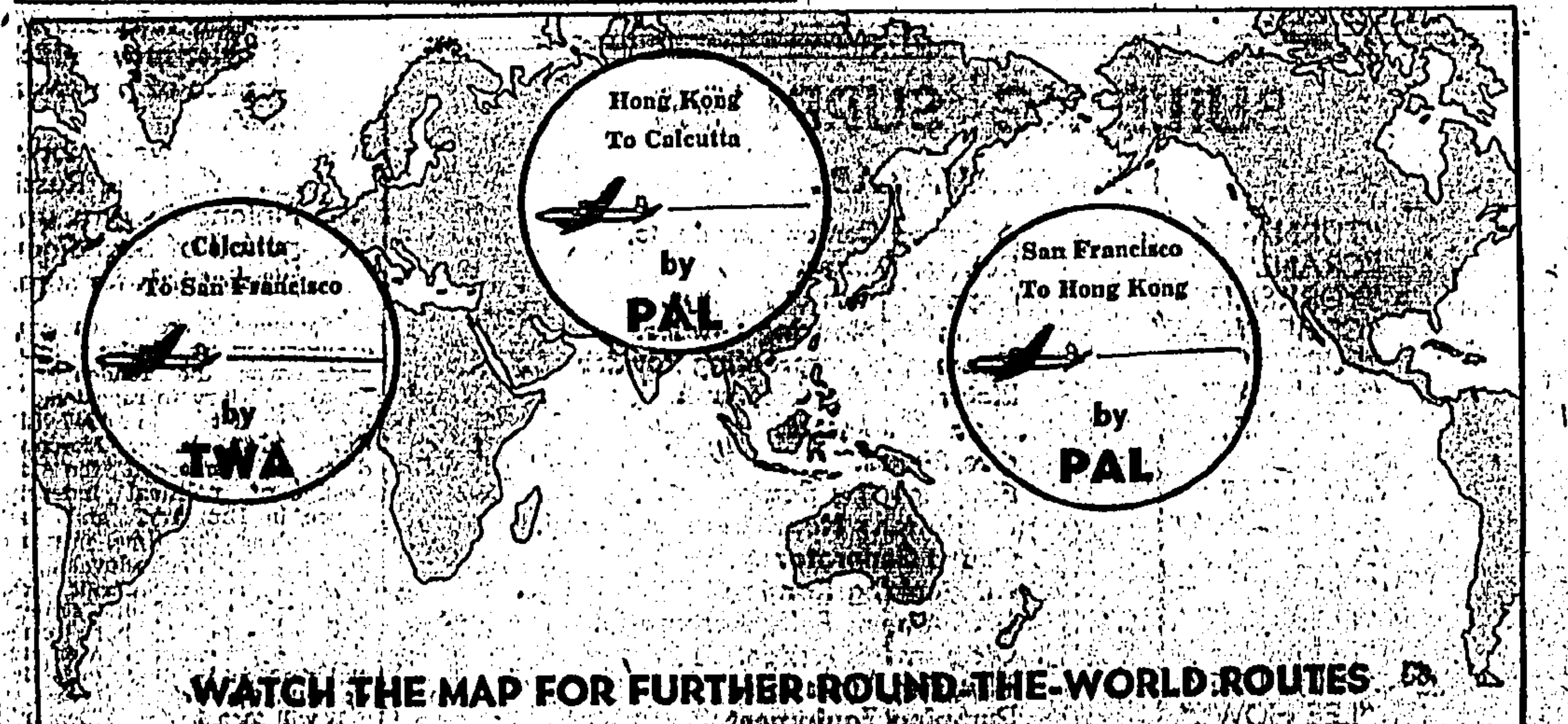
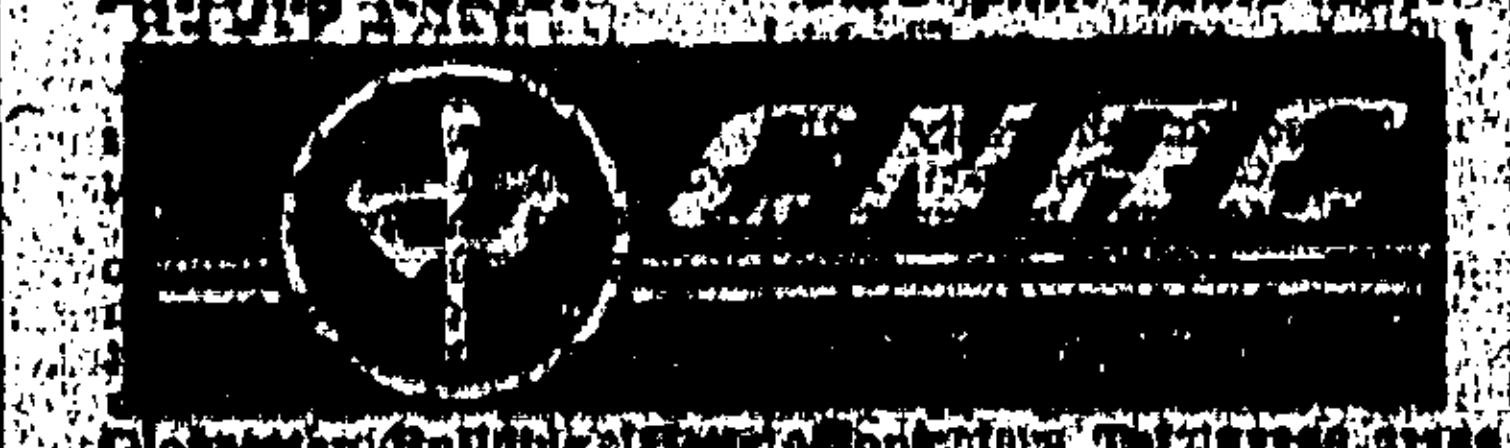
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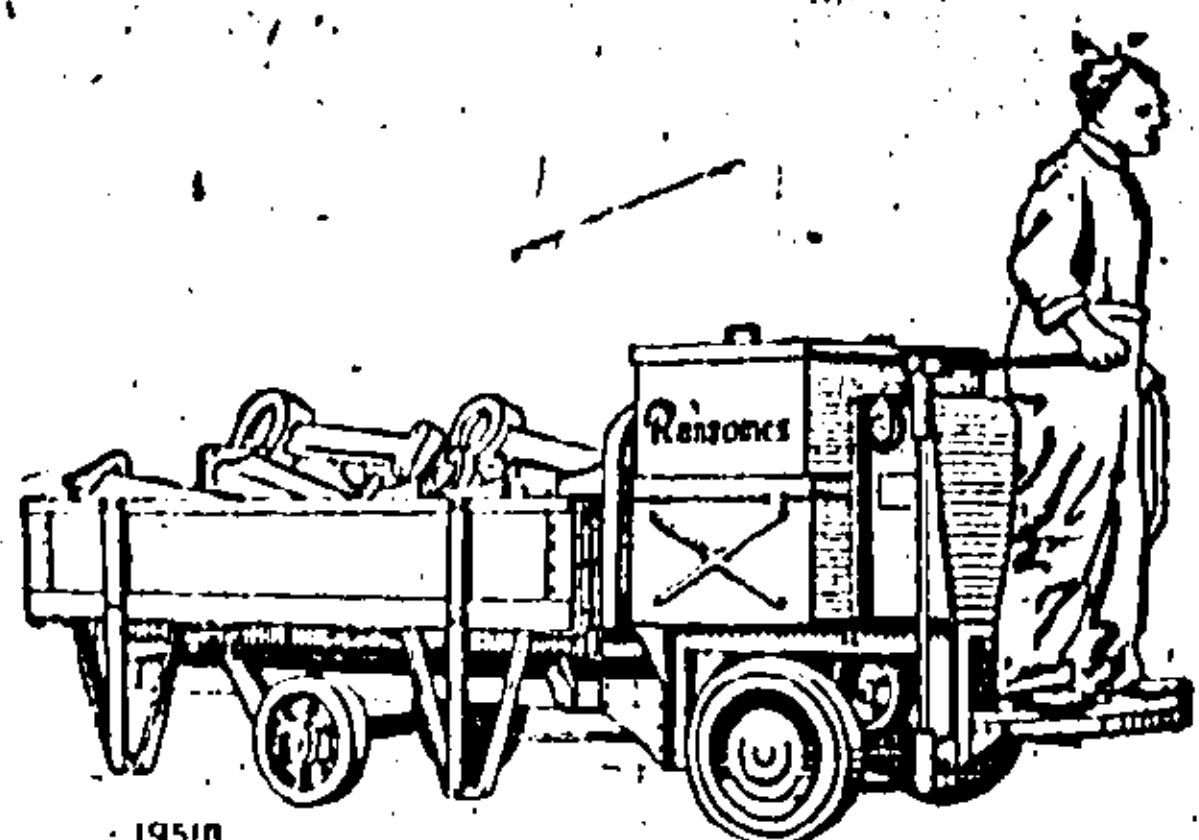
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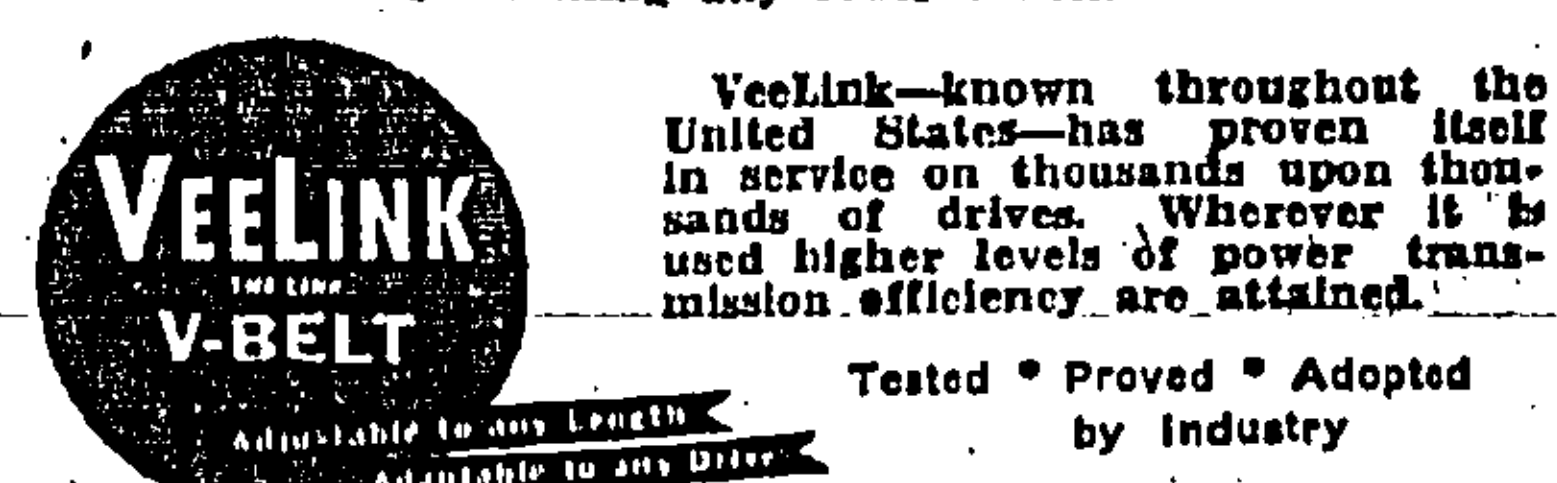
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New Ideas For Houses In Britain

Two-storey houses have for long been popular in Britain—for one thing they help to cut down housework. But a three-storey house, which might help solve housing problems without making more housework, is to be exhibited at the Ideal Home Exhibition at Olympia, London, in March. This house, which is being shown by Britain's Ministry of Health with a number of other types of homes will give all the advantages of four bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs with both a roof terrace and a ground level garden for recreation, without taking more ground space than can be spared for such amenities in densely populated urban areas.

Innovations rid the tall house of its ancient faults. No one has to carry up coals and water, or bring down ashes from the upper floors. The modern three-storey home will be as easily worked as many a two-storey one. Visitors to the exhibition will see exactly how.

Other dwellings which the Ministry will show include: a two-story maisonette, a two-room flat, and a single room flat.

Four more houses by individual building concerns will complete the Village of Ideal Homes. The village will frame an enchanting flower garden in full bloom—one of the most brilliant village centres ever created. The exhibition will be open from 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. every weekday from March 1 to March 26.

High Speed Prefabrication

A new technique invented by a Kirkcaldy, Scotland, man which enables the top, back and base of a furniture cabinet to be prefabricated of plywood in one piece at the rate of one every three minutes on an automatic machine, has been introduced to the United States. Two London designers who had used the Kirkcaldy system have flown to New York to receive one of the two first prizes awarded for lowest cost furniture designs in an International Competition for which nearly 3,000 entries were received from 31 countries.

The Council of Industrial Design helped to promote the British interest. The two London men won a cheque for 5,000 dollars. They had submitted sectional unit storage pieces which were of such high standing that they shared the three prizes for this section. The technique used by the London men was invented by Mr. James Henderson of the firm of Matthew Speers and Company, Kirkcaldy.

Apart from the continuous prefabrication at high speed, the Kirkcaldy invention reduces the number of joints to two, and halves the normal quantity of wood used. The designs have been protected until this new type of furniture has gone into production on a large scale.

Television Age At Birmingham

Birmingham, first provincial city to be chosen for a great experiment is fast approaching the Television Age, and there is a concerted drive to make the public "view-minded" in preparation for the new Midland Television Station to be operated there next autumn.

City dwellers already have a constant vision reminder of the coming new service in the rapidly developing television mast on the roof of Telephone House in Newhall-street.

Some idea of the cost of television installation is given by the price of the co-axial cable transmission system from Alexandra Palace, the home of television, to the new Sutton Coldfield transmitter. Co-axial costs about £5 a yard to buy from the manufacturers.

From London to Birmingham, with essential diversions, is 122 miles. The cost of cable, therefore, is more than a million pounds to begin with, without reckoning labour and maintenance charges.

In addition to the cabling, which is underground, there is a second transmission system—by short waves over a series of relay towers of 40-miles intervals from London to Birmingham. The tower on top of Telephone House is the final one in the chain; it "hands on" the short waves from Rowley Regis Tower to Sutton.

The amount of equipment in Telephone House is relatively small, and apart from the relay tower there are only a few racks of gear to be seen. The expected 40-miles range of television will only apply to the main transmitting station, at Sutton Coldfield, and not to each of the relay towers. Some television sets in Birmingham are already receiving images from London, but this is due to freak transmission which could not universally be employed.

Eventually G.P.O. television engineers will be established at London, Coventry, Birmingham, and if a breakdown or fault occurs in either of the two transmission systems "first-aid" squads will be hurried to the spot. Stand-by amplifiers will be installed ready to switch on when breakdown alarms sound at the repair depots.

Certain technical facilities are visualised to provide for transmission of programmes from Sutton Coldfield should the B.B.C. decide to erect studios there. After the Midland installation has been completed other parts of the country will be considered; the next station will probably be one to serve South Lancashire and part of Yorkshire, for which the Birmingham-London main could be used as a feed.

Burmese Get Radio Equipment

Twelve complete sets of airport radio navigation aids were handed over to the Burmese Government less than three months from the date of their order.

Contracts of this nature normally take a year to complete but as it was vital for the safety of the Union of Burma Airways to have navigation aid before the Burma monsoons at the end of March, production time was cut down to a quarter.

The First Secretary of the Burmese Embassy, Mr. Tin Maung Aye, received the sets at Bovingdon Airport yesterday and described the completion of the contract in such a short time as a "really marvellous achievement."

"On behalf of the Government of Burma," he said, "I would like to congratulate all concerned in their fine effort. This equipment has been tested and is in excellent working order and it will be crated and flown to Rangoon on Friday to enable the Union of Burma Airways to continue their regular services of passengers and freight without fear of weather."

Air Commodore C.S. Cadell, C.B.E., Managing Director of International Aeradio Ltd., of Bovingdon, Hertfordshire, described the contract as the "most severe demand that has ever been made since the war. Its fulfilment has once again proved that no job is impossible for the British radio industry."

The radio equipment is worth £43,000 and all the sets are fully tropicalised and ready for immediate use. They are being flown to Burma in a Skymaster and are expected there on February 20.

Meanwhile, Aeradio is training Burmese operators to take over the sets.

Six leading firms combined in the race against the monsoons. It was stipulated that the equipment must be transportable by air and owing to the lack of buildings that they must be suitable for setting up and operating in a tent.

America Keeps An Eye On Finland

Washington, February 23.

American officials are keeping a careful watch on Russian relations with Finland for any sign of a Soviet move which might upset the delicate balance of power on the flank of the cold war front.

Among some well-informed officials there is strong hope that the Russians will continue to leave Finland's status unaltered during the present period of Scandinavian crisis, but no one can predict this for sure.

Moreover, there is some uneasiness among Western diplomats over the tendency of Russian history to repeat itself. They recall that in 1947 the Communists, under Moscow's direction, "smashed the last vestige of political independence in Hungary, and last year, about this time, pressure was put on Czechoslovakia.

The Scandinavian split over the projected Atlantic security treaty is expected to be completed this week through an official decision by Norway to line up with the Western powers. It will then be up to Denmark to determine what its course shall be. The Danes are regarded here as leaning to the Western alliance, but as being more reluctant than the Norwegians to take the final step. The second reason the Danes had shared and sought to strengthen Sweden's hopes for a Scandinavian "neutral bloc."

When the line-up is complete Sweden may be left in the lonely position of an island of quasi-neutrality on the Western side of the cold war front. Finland can continue to hold a somewhat similar position on the Eastern side of the line provided that Moscow continues to

respect its nominal independence.

Swedish Fears

(Finland's Socialist Cabinet faces a no confidence vote in Parliament today. If successful, it would force reorganisation of the Government. The question of Finland's relations with Russia is under discussion, but the major debate centres on farmers' demands for better prices and lower taxes.)

Swedish leaders fear that Moscow, however, will not continue to let the Finns play a role in a "Scandinavian bloc" where in Scandinavia such as, for example, Norway's alignment with the West.

The Swedish Foreign Minister has consistently told the U.S. that he believes that if Sweden joins the Atlantic security group, Russia immediately would voice its mutual assistance pact with Finland and insist on putting Russian troops on Finnish soil.

The Russo-Finnish treaty calls for consultations between Helsinki and Moscow in event of aggression. Moscow, for its part, has been denouncing the Atlantic project as an aggressive undertaking by the Western countries against the Soviet Union—Associated Press.

NEW TYPE OF WOOL FOR HEAT

A new type of mineral wool that bids to revolutionise Britain's heat conservation systems and costs has been developed by Derbyshire Limestone quarry company after more than 12 months' research.

Natural limestone, blended with other materials, is to be so treated that the rock is blown into a fine floss as light as thistledown. Experts noted how millions of tons of fuel are wasted annually in the production of heat, and believe that with the proper development and use of insulating materials the country could have a surplus of coal, and this rock wool will be an important contribution towards achieving that objective. For instance, by laying it in the tiled roofs of buildings, or by using it in the cavity walls of houses, the domestic fuel ration would not be used to the extent to which it is used at present in the heating of the surrounding atmosphere outside the house, rather than the inside.

The new rock wool is non-inflammable and makes up a cheaper form of insulation. The firm hope to go into full production of it in two or three months' time.

Binoculars Exhibition Planned

An impressive series of binoculars will be on show in the Olympia section of the British Industries Fair at the stand of G.B. Equipments Limited. The Fair, which has sections at Earls Court and Olympia, London, and Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, will be held from May 2 to May 13. The binoculars are a product of Karshaw's (Sales) Limited, of Imperial House, Air Street, London, W.1. Six binoculars will be shown, ranging from the Monarch wide angle field glass with coated lenses, with 10 and 12 magnifications, to the Newmarket for ladies to take to the races. This glass has a magnification of seven. The firm also make theatre glasses—one flat, and about the same size as a packet of cigarettes.

Coating or "blooming" the lenses—which is done to all Karshaw's binoculars—is one of the great optical advances of the century. Although the possibility of treating lens surfaces has been known for many years it was only during World War II that manufacturing control of the process became a practical possibility. One of the first plants to be operated on a commercial scale was that at Karshaw's factory in Leeds, England. Briefly, coating the lenses has the effect of ensuring that all the light rays entering the prism behave as they ought to. It stops light being reflected back and it ensures that all, and not only some, of the light rays are bent in conformity with the optical system of the glass.

Coating the lenses of Karshaw's glasses enables 40 per cent. more light to pass through the system. The blooming also acts as a colour filter and greatly increases colour contrast—an important point for race-goers and naturalists.

MECHANICAL CARGO HANDLING

A report on the experiments carried out in Singapore with mechanical handling of cargo appears in the current issue of Lloyd's List and Shipping Gazette. The account says that the experiments, directed towards the speeding up of the discharging and loading of cargo, have proved to be highly satisfactory.

The equipment used in the tests consists mainly of electric two-ton trucks made by a famous British firm. The trucks have been used in conjunction with a gang of 10 men for stacking or storing of cargo and the experience gained will be applied to the introduction generally of mechanical handling equipment which began on February 1.

AMSTERDAM STRIKE OVER

Amsterdam, February 22. The Amsterdam dockers' strike, which began six weeks ago, at its height involving about 1,600 workers, will end tomorrow. The men decided to return to work after receiving a satisfactory reply to their wage demands from the board of the shipping companies. Reuter.



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CHINESE WON'T BE GOOD REDS

San Francisco, February 23. Roger Lapham, American aid administrator in China, says he does not expect the Chinese to make good Communists.

The Chinese, he told the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, are hard workers and want to be left alone.

"Chinese as individuals certainly are not going to be Communists—if you mean by Communism the domination of a few over the great mass, as we know it in Moscow," he said.

"But the U.S. should pay more attention to what is going on in China," he added.

"The people over there are going through a great upheaval from feudalism to something approaching Democracy. It will be a long time before China catches up with the modern world."

Mr. Lapham is resting here after his return from China to report in Washington on the Economic Co-operation Administration programme. —Associated Press.

Shanghai, February 23. A full month ago the Chinese Communists stopped just short of the Yangtze River after conquering roughly half of China.

Why? There seems to be no single answer. For many reasons, however they appear to have adopted a deliberate go-slow policy. Here are some of the most obvious reasons.

First is the over-riding fact that with peace talk in the air more war would be highly unpopular in this country.

The Reds now appear uninterested in risking military adventure in the unconquered half of China which they hope to get in a deal.

Their conquest down to the Yangtze has far extended their front, perhaps beyond their ability to supply it until railways are rebuilt, including those running over bridges destroyed by the Nationalists.

Meanwhile the Reds need time to digest what they have captured. This is a largely illiterate people who must be taught how to live under the communist superstructure.

The Reds have a proved technique for this but it takes time. It includes the slow process of spreading literacy to lay the foundation for greater change. The Reds make no attempt to

change overnight China's feudal capitalism into Communism or even Socialism. They do attack some of the more glaring and obvious inequalities they find, making all possible political gains while to consolidate their control.

New Freedom

Thus they go in for some land redistribution—and give millions of farmers a vested interest in the new status quo. They make one of their rare attacks on the ancient Confucian system by forming very active women's societies. Particularly to peasant women, whose lives often approach slavery, this novel activity brings unheard-of freedom.

Students and teachers are quickly organized—it is easy because the Nationalists have already driven them far to the left. Then they are put to work organizing and indoctrinating the less educated class who might mistake the new China for just another change of rulers.

All the lower income elements are given preferred treatment in changing Nationalist money for new Red money and otherwise taken into camp to reduce the possibility that any mass basis will be left for counter-revolution.

Another thing making the Reds go slow is the fact they themselves say that Nationalist China collapsed faster than the Chinese people expected.

In The Cities

That is probably their way of saying that they themselves are surprised by the speed of their own advances. They seem to be trying to avoid the KMT's rapid over-expansion after V-J Day which, partly because of the lack of trained personnel, helped to bring about the Reds' own triumph.

The Reds now find themselves holding large cities. They had to fight for Tientsin and it will take time to reconstruct this large community of acquisitive businessmen into the new mold. In Peiping they ran into another kind of trouble.

Just before the fall of Peiping, the Nationalist chief of Secret Police, Cheng Kai-min, paid a flying visit long enough to order an entire regiment of his tough operatives underground. The result was that the Reds conducted a quick census of the city's 2,000,000 people and are now reporting that some of these undercover threats to their control have been rounded up.

In both these cities and Manchurian centres there is great emphasis on getting industries to fight for Tientsin and it will take time to reconstruct this large community of acquisitive businessmen into the new mold. In Peiping they ran into another kind of trouble.

These are the only known factors indicating a go slow policy. There may be others indicating the best course would be to avoid political indulgence. Meanwhile, there is nothing tangible in the wind to what their appetite for more war unless Nationalist Government peace efforts break down entirely. —Associated Press.

DESTROYERS FOR RUSSIANS

Rome, February 23. Naples dispatches report the departure of the Italian destroyers Animoso and Fortunale for Augusta, Sicily.

They are en route to Russia for delivery to the USSR under the Italian peace treaty. —Associated Press.

Jap Nationals In China War

Tokyo, February 23.

The Japanese press reported yesterday that ex-General Yasuji Okamura, in an interview, made estimates on the number of Japanese nationals still remaining in China.

Okamura was quoted as saying "It seems true that there are some Japanese in the Chinese Red forces concentrated around Szechwan Province. Ex-General Okamura is said to be commanding troops in the Red Army. It is also rumoured that the Red Army is operating with the Red Army." —Associated Press.

American Ties With The World

Paris, February 22.

The destiny of the United States is bound up with the destiny of all other peoples of the earth, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, United States Ambassador, told members of the American Club here tonight.

Speaking at the club's Washington Day dinner, the Ambassador said: "The objective of the European aid programme is both great and unique. Never before in the history of mankind has a country possessed both the inclination and the means to place itself at the service of the community of nations to work towards a goal benefiting humankind everywhere on earth."

"We can anticipate attacks on such a programme from the usual sources. Let us stress that accusation of exploitation or imperialism on the part of the United States are as unfounded as all the other distortions by which certain elements seek to poison world opinion for their own ends." —Reuter.

AIRLIFT RECORD

Berlin, February 22.

Roaring in at two-minute intervals, the Anglo-American airlift planes last night and today brought 7,513 tons of supplies to blockaded Berlin.

They set a new record for any 24-hours period since the airlift began last June 26. —United Press.

Czechs Intensify Security Moves

Prague, February 22.

Czechoslovakia's Communist regime marked its first anniversary by tightening security measures and ordering followers to go over to the offensive against their enemies.

Red leaders said these enemies are receiving financial support from the West and they criticised officials and members for wavering under pressure.

As the Government began a series of official commemorations of the February 1948 coup, these were the developments:

Army Party members were ordered to patrol the streets of Prague. A confidential Party circular, issued to its ten-man cells, warned that foreign imperialists are the Czechs' principal enemies and called for an end to the tolerant attitude toward capitalist remnants. Highways leading out of Prague were closely checked for several days last week. Even Cabinet Ministers were stopped for identification.

Moscow, February 22. Annabella Ducar, aged 34, former American Embassy employee, who married a Russian singer and left a year ago to live permanently in Russia, was disclosed today as the author of a 50,000-word book "The Truth About American Diplomats."

Miss Ducar, an American citizen, said in her book that American diplomats are doing everything they can to cause a world catastrophe.

In the first edition of her book 10,000 copies were sold out at the price of seven rubles each within a few minutes after it was placed on the newsstands.

Miss Ducar, an administrative assistant at the Embassy, left February 1947 in protest against the American attitude toward Russia. Upon leaving the Embassy she disclosed that she had been secretly married 13 months to the Russian singer, Konstantin Lapshin. She said she was leaving to live the life of a Soviet housewife.

When she left she denounced the State Department as warmongers.

"I cannot remain silent," Miss Ducar said in her introduction to the book, "because I saw in Washington and Moscow how step by step our diplomats responsible for our foreign policy are doing everything they can to cause a world catastrophe."

She went on to say she felt duty-bound to expose the war-mongering conspiracy of American diplomats and for that reason resigned her Embassy job. She said she decided to remain in Russia to participate in the common struggle for peace and prosperity of nations.

In Miss Ducar's concluding chapter, she gave her impressions of the Soviet Union. She said: "I am happy to be here and that my son was born in the Soviet Union. I highly appreciate the Soviet hospitality so generously accorded me. I am grateful not only for myself but even more for my son."

Envoy Accused

Then Miss Ducar accused the American Ambassador, Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, with using his high position to reap huge profits from the sale of old clothes, gold coins and watches. She said the Embassy itself was engaged in large-scale speculation by smuggling goods and currency abroad.

She alleged that a monopolistic clique functions in the Russian division of the State Department, conspiring to seize all leading posts determining the Department's policy. She said Mr. Roy Henderson, now Ambassador to India, was the original organizer of this clique.

'DISGRACE TO THE COLONIES'

London, February 22.

The situation in the Leeward Islands of the West Indies is a disgrace to the British colonial system, Mr. Fenner Brockway, London chairman of the Congress of Peoples Against Imperialism, said today.

Speaking of the recall of the Governor, Earl Baldwin, Mr. Brockway said: "We rejoice that a Colonial Governor has had the courage to break through the red tape and stand by the people of the Leeward Islands rather than by the sugar barons."

Lord Baldwin, Socialist son of Britain's pre-war Conservative Prime Minister, has been recalled for consultations by the Colonial Office.

It has been generally considered that he was on the carpet for his policy in the Leeward Islands. Some sources have suggested that he had found disfavour with the "sugar barons" because of his too friendly relations with the coloured population.

The Executive Committee of the Congress of Peoples Against Imperialism, which claims to represent 30 countries in Europe, Africa and Asia, are to consider the West Indian situation on Friday night.

"By that time," Mr. Brockway told Reuter, "we shall know what the Government has decided about the future of Lord Baldwin. If it should be so misguided as to terminate his services, we shall take the lead in organising a protest meeting." —Reuter.

Historic Tomb Threatened

Lahore, February 22.

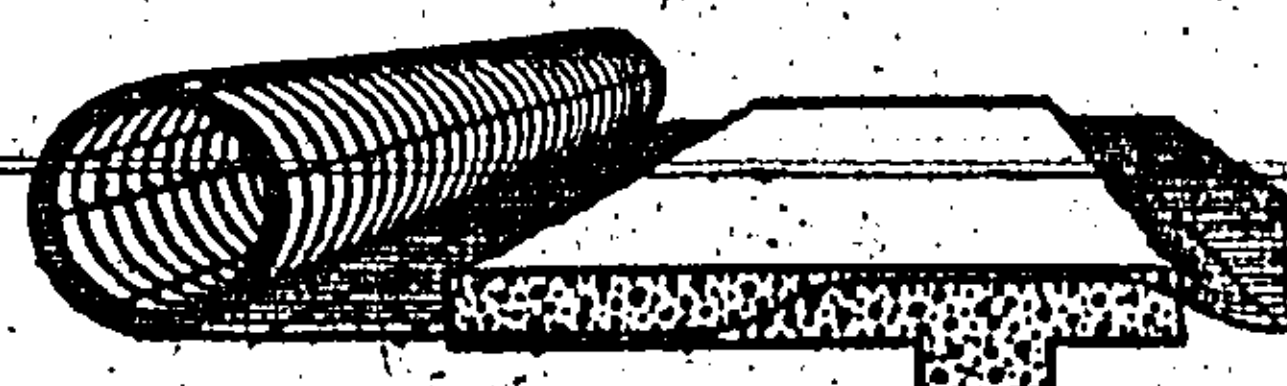
Emergency measures have been ordered to save the gem-studded tomb of the Mogul Emperor Jehangir, near here, from the snow-swollen river Ravi which recently changed its course.

Before the river reaches the danger level, Sir Francis Muir, Governor of West Punjab, has ordered a new channel to be cut to divert the water and barriers to be erected.

Surrounded by beautiful gardens, the magnificent tomb holds the remains of the only Mogul Emperor buried in Pakistan. His real name was Salim, but he adopted the name of Jehangir (Conqueror of the World) when he succeeded his father, Akbar the Great, in 1605. —Reuter.

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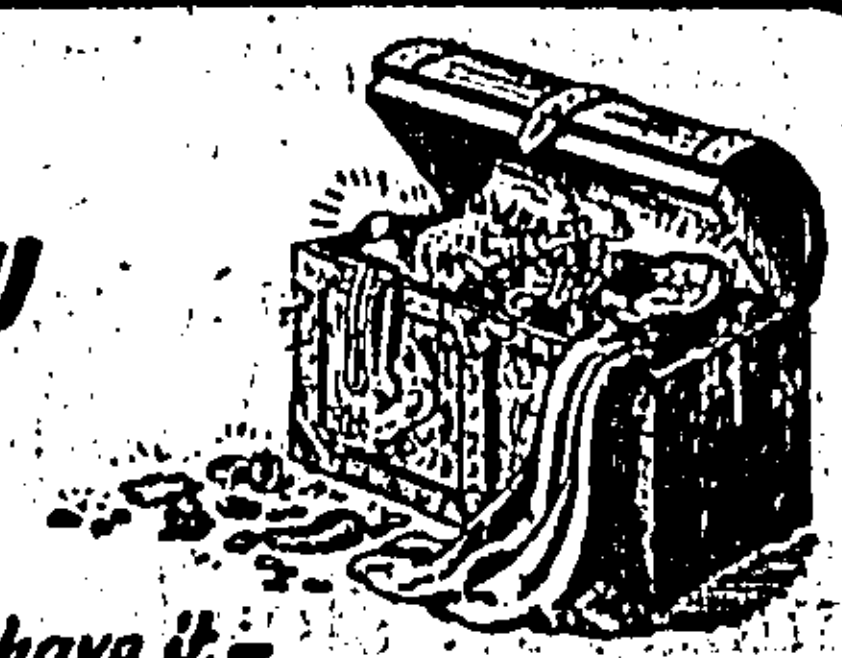


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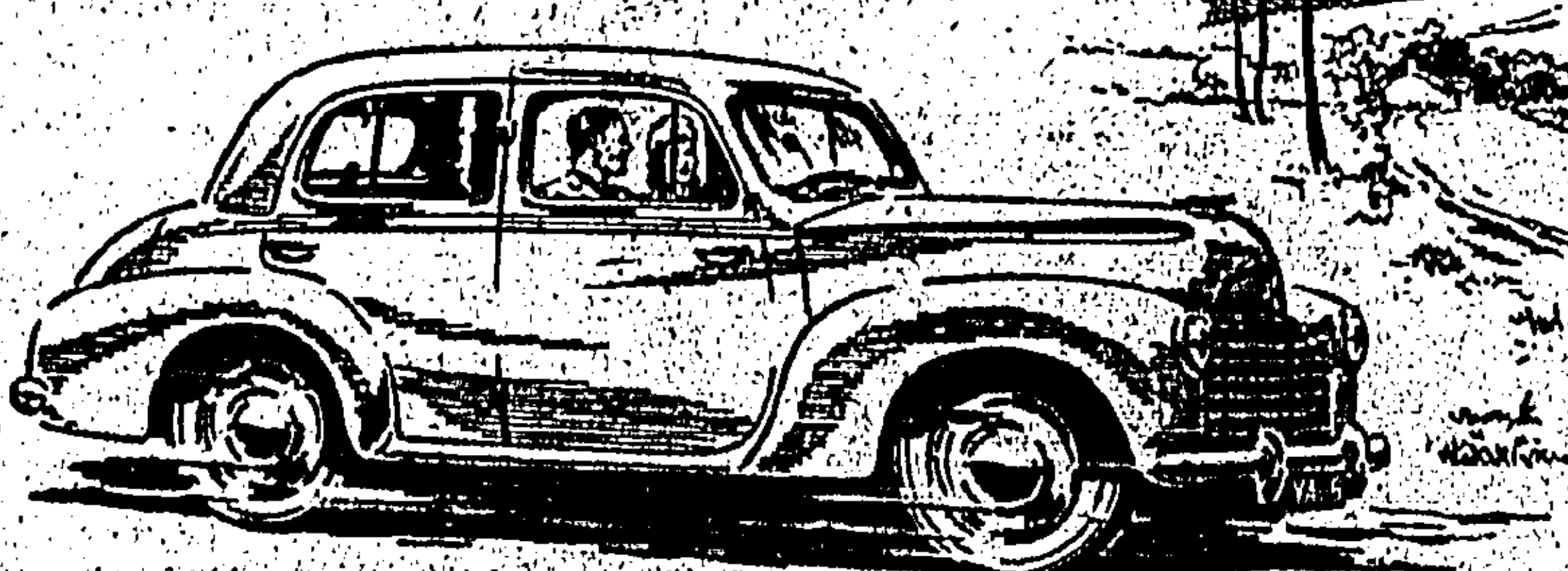
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India Uncovers Communist Plot

Bombay, February 22.

The Calcutta police today arrested 25 Communists, including 10 women, bringing the total arrested in West Bengal since Saturday to 100 and the India-wide total to well over 600. Communist literature was also seized.

In Madras, police detained Omprakash Gupta, general secretary of the All-India Union of Postal Workers, whose Supreme Council is due to meet there tomorrow to consider calling a strike.

An official spokesman of the Calcutta Posts and Telegraph Department said that the authorities have taken all possible steps to maintain services even if the strike takes place.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Indian Deputy Prime Minister, or Minister for Home Affairs, stated today that the arrests of the Communists in the past three days are a precautionary measure.

Administrative quarters in Delhi said the round-up of Communists was undertaken because the Indian Government had received intelligence reports showing that Communists, especially those in some of the important railway unions, are planning a period of sabotage and violence as a serious threat to the Government machinery.

It is believed that there has been contact between the Communists in India and those in Burma along the Indo-Burma border and that the Indian Communists plan to create chaotic conditions in India as part of some larger plan, intended to embrace a wide region.

Patel told a joint meeting of the various South-Indian Chambers of Commerce in Madras today. "It is not a pleasant task to look people up. We won't ever think of doing that unless we have reliable information that their intent is not only to strike but disruption, dislocation and sabotage, which would cost society dearly."

This is the first Ministerial pronouncement on the country-wide action against the Communists. —Reuter.

Alleged Letter From Cardinal

Budapest, February 22.

The Hungarian news agency today said that the Catholic Board of Bishops has approached the Hungarian Government on instructions from the imprisoned Cardinal Mindszenty to seek a Church-State agreement.

The agency published the text of the letter, dated Feb. 22, in which the Cardinal said he was ready to accept the Government's proposal for a new agreement.

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Scrapping Of Japanese Fleet Revealed

London, February 23.

An Admiralty spokesman today revealed that all units of the Japanese Fleet allotted to the United Kingdom had been, or were being, scrapped, with the exception of two ships which were being disposed of within the Commonwealth.

The revelation came in an Admiralty estimate which said that the Admiralty will need £189,250,000 to keep the Royal Navy afloat during the year beginning April 1949.

The figure was £30,250,000 more than last year's, but it did not provide for any new ship-building.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Hall, in an explanatory memorandum, said £10,880,000 provided for ship-building will be used to continue programmes started in former years.

He said the estimate contained no more than a token provision for new building.

The cost of completing warships already begun, however, will total £42,000,194 and will be included in future estimates. —United Press.

Passengers Get Refund

New York, February 22.

Passengers in the Mauretania, who had their eight-day cruise to Nassau and Havana cut short because of engine trouble, have received a 50 per cent refund of the passage money.

The liner, which left here on February 15, developed engine trouble three days later.

Captain Ivan Thompson decided it would not be prudent to continue the cruise.

When the liner returned to New York yesterday, the company converted the waiting room on the pier to a temporary cashier's office, where passengers were able to obtain their refund in cash or in drafts on the company.

A short delay was caused when an unmarked car hurriedly dispatched to the pier with \$40,000 in cash broke down on the way.

Observatories In Pacific

Christchurch, New Zealand, February 23.

Reports attending the Pacific Science Congress, which ended here yesterday, called for a more adequate network of weather stations in the Pacific.

They said that such stations must be set up on such islands as Easter, Cook, and Phoenix, and in the South Pacific.

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COLONIALISM MUST BE ELIMINATED--ROMULO

New York, February 23.

Carlos P. Romulo, chief Philippine delegate to the United Nations, says the elimination of colonialism is the first condition of Asian strength and security.

In a speech prepared for the British Broadcasting Corporation on results of the recent New Delhi conference, General Romulo declared:

"As long as parts of Asia are held in bondage by Western powers, the entire region will be unsettled, afflicted by recurrent strife and turmoil.

"Asia must be given the freedom to which it is entitled and for which it has fought valiantly for centuries," said General Romulo.

He said the New Delhi conference, at which he represented the Philippines, properly and wisely concerned itself mainly with seeking solution of the Dutch-Indonesian problem.

"Nevertheless, the foundation was laid for the establishment of a regional (Asian) association should the states concerned decide upon it after further consultations," he added.

General Romulo said that any such regional association will be strictly within the framework of the UN.

Awaiting Answer

How would such an association regard the West? he was asked.

"That would depend to a great extent on the attitude of the West toward Asia," he replied.

General Romulo said the association would be dedicated to freedom and peace in close collaboration with the democratic

powers. He added, however, that Asia can be an effective force for peace and freedom only in proportion as it is itself free, economically stable and secure.

"The new Asia," he said, "awaits the response of the West."

He said the answer was dependent not only on the fate of Asia, but on the whole world. Associated Press.

ARMY'S STRENGTH TO BE LOWERED

London, February 22.

Britain's Army will have 300,000 fewer men next year, the War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, disclosed today. Its cost will be slashed by £300,000.

The Army Estimates, published today, show that the maximum number of officers and troops to be maintained in 1949-50 will be 550,000 against 850,000 last year.

Expenditure is estimated at £304,700,000 against last year's £305 million. The Estimates reveal that, including colonial, Polish and Commonwealth troops, a total of 347,000 officers and other ranks will be garrisoned in Europe, compared with 452,000 last year.

Outside Europe there will be another 171,000, compared with 265,000 last year.

Though the net estimate of expenditure is reduced by £300,000, the gross estimate—that is, expenses before deduction of various assets—show a substantial increase. It rose from £330,100,000 in 1948-49 to £350,200,000 for 1949-50—£20,100,000 more.

This is largely due, Mr. Shinwell explained, to continuing overseas commitments.

Mr. Shinwell said in a memorandum accompanying the Estimates that Parliament's decision to increase the period of national

Dutch Cabinet Decisions On Indonesia

The Hague, February 23.

Important Dutch Cabinet decisions on Indonesia will be announced simultaneously here and in Batavia on Saturday. It was officially stated today. Publication will coincide with the arrival in Batavia of the High Commissioner to Indonesia, Dr. Louis Beel, who is leaving Holland tomorrow after Cabinet talks.

Dr. Beel is now completely informed of the views of the Dutch Government and has been given the necessary powers to carry out the details of the policy now agreed upon, it was stated today. Reuter.

AMERICAN ARMS AID TO WESTERN EUROPE

Washington, February 22.

European estimates of American arms needed to bring the Western Powers' military forces up to fighting strength are being cut considerably in the drafting of the new American military aid programme.

Western Union leaders have submitted to Washington a joint list of arms deficiencies.

This list is now being screened by a United States Government committee, headed by the Assistant Secretary of State.

The drafting of the new military aid programme is not complete, but it is already apparent that the United States will be unable to supply all the equipment Europe wants in the first year.

The present intention is to submit the programme for approval by both chambers of Congress shortly after the Senate has ratified the proposed North Atlantic Pact. This should be in late March or early April.

A tentative estimate of the cost of the programme is to be submitted to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Congress shortly.

The military aid scheme is estimated to cost in its first year about \$1,500,000,000. About \$1,000,000,000 of this will be for European members of the Atlantic Pact.

Overall Aid

The programme is to be an overall military aid measure and will include similar assistance to Greece and Turkey, Latin-American countries and possibly China.

In one sense the figures are misleading, as a considerable amount of equipment to be given to Europe will be surplus material and will be contributed to the scheme at much less than cost price.

For instance, if Britain gets some 200 Superfort bombers, of which there are now over 2,000 in storage in America, that will be debited against the programme at considerably less than their original price.

The State Department will administer the programme in much the same way as they have conducted the Greek and Turkish

THREAT OF JAPANESE INDUSTRY

London, February 23.

John Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, said yesterday that Britain is fully aware of the seriousness of Japanese competition as a long term problem.

In a written reply in the House of Commons to a question asked by Mr. Edwards said:

"The whole matter is at present being examined and consultation with industries has begun."

"The threat is potential rather than actual since overall Japanese production is still only about half the pre-war level and exports are only just over a quarter."

"We shall take every possible step by representations to the occupation authorities and otherwise to prevent a recurrence of the sort of unfair practice familiar before the war and, wherever possible, we shall support measures to raise the standard of living of the Japanese workers and thus avoid low price competition based on cheap labour."—Associated Press.

MALAYA DEPORTS CHINESE

Singapore, February 22.

A group of 573 Chinese deportees, alleged to have assisted Malayan terrorists, sailed from Port Swettenham yesterday for South China ports. This was the biggest shipment of deportees under the special Malayan emergency regulations, announced last November, providing for the deportation of aliens involved in terrorist activity.

A further 700 are expected to leave shortly.—Reuter.

Neville Stack Killed In Car

Karachi, February 22.

Captain Neville Stack, General Manager of Orient Airways, a Pakistan company, was killed in a road accident today near Karachi.

Captain T. Neville Stack was between the two wars a test pilot and a leading British pioneer in long-distance aviation. He made the first light aeroplane flight to India in a Gypsy Moth in 1920-21. During the late 1920's and early 1930's Captain Stack made a record-breaking flight linking London with the European capitals. He was in the squadron which opened up the desert air route from Cairo to Baghdad. He served in both world wars. His flying career nearly came to an end in 1939, when he crashed while testing a plane, breaking both legs.—Reuter.



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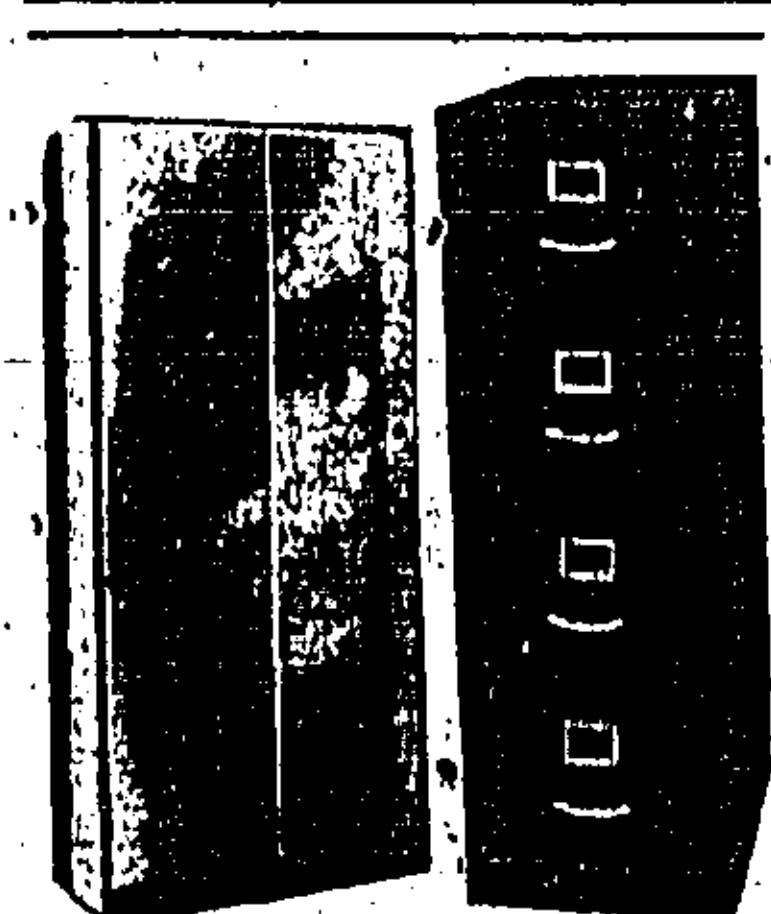


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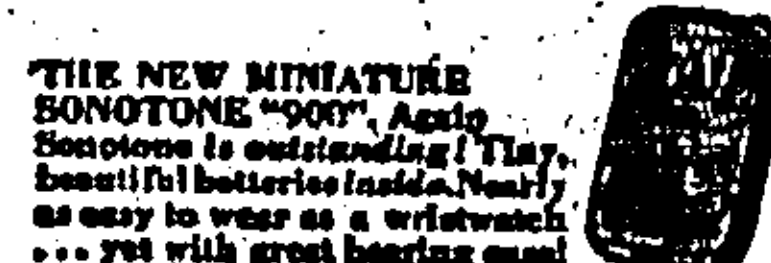
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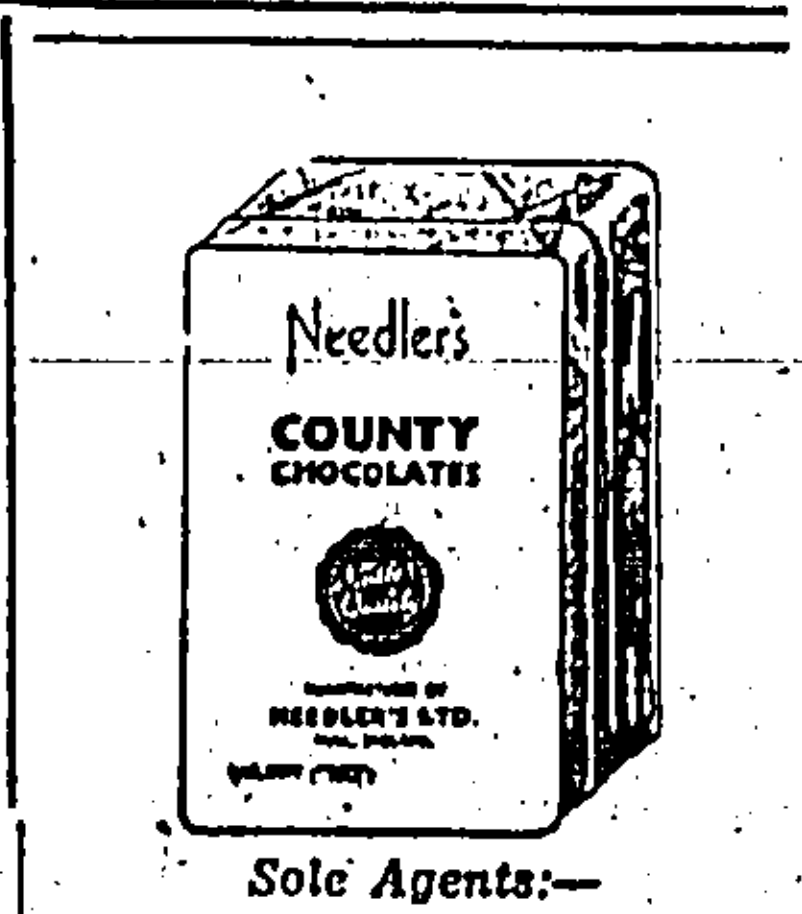
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HOTEL ORDINANCE BILL BECOMES LAW

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"At all events, I hope Government will give an assurance that the actual working of this law will be carefully watched and that representations from those affected as to the result of such working will receive the attention and consideration of Government."

"It is my submission that the provisions of this Bill go beyond the accepted principle of Price Control, that they go beyond what is necessary to secure that existing permanent residents, and those hereafter to be accepted as such by the hotels, will be subjected only to approved charges and rates, and that they constitute a legislative sanction for compelling hotels to undertake or continue a kind of boarding house business irrespective of the wishes of their owners. For these reasons, I shall vote against the Bill."

Replying to the points raised in Sir M.K. Lo's speech, the Honorable Mr. T. T. Chan said: "As Chairman of the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee, I wish to make it clear that the Committee, in recommending control of the rates charged for accommodation in hotels, was aware that it is against the principle of free trading—indeed is any form of control; but they felt justified in their recommendation in view of the unprecedented shortage of housing in Hong Kong. They regarded the proposal as being in line with the objects of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance."

"Since the publication of the Committee's report, there has been criticism in the Press of the recommendation that the Paramount Hotel should be exempted from control. That recommendation was based on cogent reasons."

"The two hotels were established after the Pacific War—one in an extensively renovated building, and the other in a much rehabilitated building."

"Their capital expenditure, including the outfitting of furniture and air-conditioning, was very high and their accommodation was comparatively limited."

"The Committee felt that even if their rates were controlled they would have to be high to give a reasonable return on the capital invested. Thus any rates that might be computed would be beyond the means of the ordinary resident."

Not Illogical.

"In other words, the two hotels cater only for those who can afford to pay rates higher than those charged by other and larger hotels. In these circumstances, and on the analogy that new buildings are exempted by law from rent control, I submit that it is not illogical to exempt these two comparatively small hotels."

"Now come to a rather knotty problem—the reservation of a prescribed percentage of accommodation in hotels for permanent residents."

"This problem received the very careful and anxious consideration of the Committee. They realised that the point did not come within their terms of reference; but as it is a point intimately bound up with the important problem on which they were charged by the Government to investigate and to advise, they deemed it their duty to make the recommendation."

"This recommendation did not seem to them to be either arbitrary or harsh, in as much as the suggested ratios between residents and transient correspond closely to the ratios between these two classes before the war."

"In their report the Committee stated that this recommendation was contrary to the practice followed in other parts of the world, that it would interfere with the normal course of the hotel industry, but that it was justified by the

present exceptional circumstances. "It was being argued that since such a method has not been adopted in the United Kingdom, and United States of America, and elsewhere, the hotel in Hong Kong should not be shackled with the restrictions recommended by the Committee."

"I would now refer to the phrase used in our report—the present exceptional circumstances. What are these 'exceptional circumstances'? An acute housing shortage does exist in the United Kingdom and the United States of America, but the position there cannot be in any way compared to that prevailing in Hong Kong. "Elsewhere the influx of aliens is regulated, whereas here, every hour, every day, without any let or hindrance, there have been and are pouring into our territory a countless number of refugees."

Referring to the points raised in Sir M.K. Lo's speech, the Honorable Mr. T. T. Chan said:

"These refugees have created a housing situation which, I believe, has no parallel in any other part of the world at the present moment. Who are the sufferers from this influx? Our permanent residents."

"The recommendations which the Committee have made are designed to protect one section of these people—those who have no choice but to live in hotels—against the competition of those who are reserved for them at prices they can afford to pay."

"It has been contended that the question of principle involved in these recommendations should not be ignored. But 'exceptional' measures must be, and have been, taken for the good of the general public. For instance, we have price and rent control. Because of this, the Committee have ventured to go beyond their terms of reference and make the recommendations now being considered."

Supporting the new Ordinance, Mr. Cassidy said:

"I ought to be standing here in a white sheet confessing that I have sinned against the light. I am all for freedom, in business as in other walks of life."

"I do not like controls and although some are inevitable I want to see them reduced to a minimum. Yet I find myself partly responsible for a bill which seeks to deprive the hotel owner of his right to charge what the business will bear."

"It is a bill which admittedly discriminates between one set of hotels and another and it contains some regulations which will not be too easy to apply. But for all that I support the bill."

"It puts into effect what the Advisory Committee recommended and in such details as the definition of a Hong Kong resident and the substitution of weekly for daily rates it improves upon the recommendations."

"I should like to have seen a Board of Appeal set up as suggested not only in our report but also in the Report of the Gillespie Committee which went into the hotel question when these establishments were being de-regulated in June 1946."

"There is, of course, provision under Section 4, (2) a, for a dispute as to allocation to be referred to arbitration, but what was in my mind was a Board of Review to which disputes in regard to rates could be taken."

Serious Loss

"I myself feel that the maximum rates in the fifth schedule may not necessarily be justified in all cases. Circumstances might arise which would result in serious loss to the hotels if these rates are not capable of revision. "It seems to me preferable that the hotel managers should have the right of appeal to a Board of

Review. I understand, however, that Government do not consider it a practicable measure to consider a flood of appeals some of a trivial nature and I, therefore, do not press the point. I can only trust that the Quartering Authority will not hesitate to ask this Council for power to revise the rates if necessary."

"However much the hotel owners may protest that this bill is driving them to ruin, the fact is that in many cases they have taken unfair advantage of those residents who have had no possibility of obtaining housing accommodation."

"It is all very well to argue that a mere 300 people are affected. Actually it is a good deal more than 300 for it does not follow that because only that number replied to the questionnaire that the remaining 300 were content."

"Local authority control is a good portion of the difference."

"But even if only 300 odd were affected they deserve consideration. They represent a very important factor in the running of the Colony. Their work is bound to be affected if they suffer physical discomfort and financial anxiety and I see no reason why in the present abnormal housing circumstances they should not receive some protection."

"They have been grossly exploited. In connection with my colleagues of the Committee I visited some of the less pretentious hotels, and frankly I was appalled at what I saw."

"Dark and shabby rooms, not a few having originally been servants' quarters or bathrooms, were let at \$20 or more a day. Some residents had gone to the expense of providing furniture to supplement the rickety iron chairs and tables which the management had provided."

"There was plenty of evidence that the occupants had done something to create a homelike atmosphere, but the result was pathetic. The work of the Committee was hampered by the non-production of accounts and apart from the hotels we grouped under A there were only one or two cases where proper accounts were rendered and they made it clear to us that the proprietors were not doing at all badly."

"I consider that this bill is fully justified. I hope it will not be necessary to extend it beyond the end of 1950 but unless the supply of housing overtakes the demand an extension may be inevitable. I contend that the section of the community who are affected by this bill should have been relieved long before this."

"Their hopes were raised at the end of July only to be dashed a few days later. They have been kept in suspense for more than six months and the least this Council can do is to implement this Ordinance without further delay."

"I hope it will be enacted in

respect of the petition which is being presented to the Secretary of States for the Colonies. To my mind the petition is a misleading document and it will be a scandal if it is allowed to hold up the Ordinance."

The Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin, wound up the debate. He said:

"Mr. Cassidy has touched on one point, I think only one point, in actual criticism of the Bill, namely, that it does not go the whole way in giving effect to the recommendations of the Committee, and that there should be a board of review or appeal."

"He has in fact answered or given reasons why the Bill merely provides for a form of arbitration in one respect, and it does so because it is only on the question of what accommodation should go into the reserved

category that the need be accepted on the working of the Bill upon its enactment."

"For the rest it was felt after consideration that to include the general right of appeal from any activities of the Quartering Authority or any consequence flowing from giving effect to this enactment would be merely to provide a slowing-up process which would make the whole legislation virtually unworkable."

"In this connection it has been borne in mind that the Colony already has a tribunal under the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, which has had the greatest difficulty in discharging the work falling upon it."

"Not only has there been much work brought to them, but there has inevitably been great difficulty in finding the personnel to man the tribunal or to serve as clerks or interpreters. A similar situation could be anticipated where a general tribunal is to be established in connection with the legislation now before Council."

In the committee stage six amendments were made to the Bill.

On its third reading, all voted for the Bill with the exception of Sir Man-kam Lo, who abstained.

GOLD CONFISCATED

Approximately \$14,300 worth of gold went to Government coffers when four applications for confiscation by Inspector Humphreys were granted by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Dik So had on his person 15 gold rings, 10 gold crucifixes and 14 gold chains when Revenue officers boarded the 'ss. Kwai Wah. He failed to be present at the court. His \$10 bail was also confiscated.

Cheng Sam was found with three bars of gold on the ss. Kwai Wah and a similar order was made against him in absentia.

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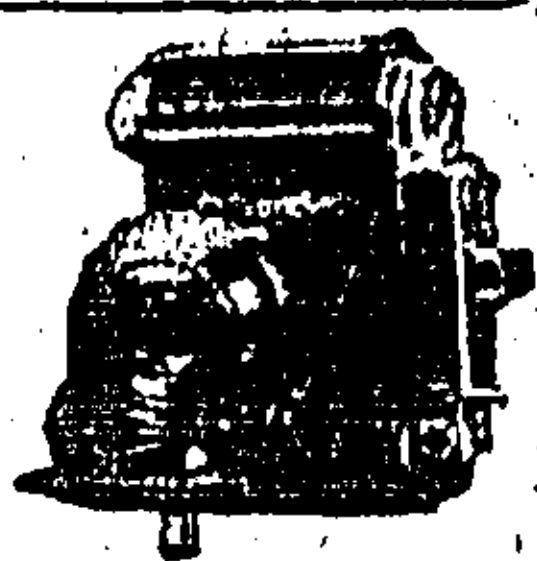
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SIXTH ROUND CUP-TIES SOCCER HIGHLIGHT

(By 'ALCYDES')

Baker, Ip Win Tennis Encounters

Main features of yesterday's games of the Colony Lawn Tennis Singles Championship were the fine shows put up by CRC's Au Kam-moon and young Norman Lo of the University.

H. Segalen, the Cricket Club champion, and one of the seeded players was given quite a scare by Au, and just managed to avert defeat when falling light intervened.

The game itself was a titanic battle-line duel between two players of a practically similar style. There was a lot of back and forth in the drives of both players, and as a result the game became more a test of patience and endurance than of spectacular strokes.

Au started promisingly, taking the first three games with some well-directed half-court cross shots. He managed to scamper home by 6-4.

He took a similar lead in the second set, but the effects of Segalen's wearing-out tactics began to show on him. Segalen forced the pace at his stage, to take the next five games in a row, and the set at 6-4.

The third set had reached the score of 3-11 when it was called off.

Seventeen-year-old Norman Lo put up a spectacular game though he lost to Ip Koon-hong, the reigning China National champion by 1-6 and 4-6.

He displayed a repertoire of strokes equal in range to that of the champion, and had been more accurate and steady, he could have given Ip a good run for his worth.

A player who is not afraid to hit really hard and come up to the net after a good-length drive, has all the essentials of a future champion, war coolness personified. With full-length drives, and repeated cut-drops, he kept off Lo from storming the net.

Full Scores:
 T. E. Baker beat E. M. Hayhurst, 6-1, 6-2.
 Wong Siu-Kin beat H. K. Hamilton, 6-0, 6-0.
 Au Kam-moon vs. R. Segalen, 6-4, 4-6 (unfinished).
 P. Poon beat G. A. Lemay, 6-0, 6-0.
 H. K. Ip beat Norman Lo, 6-1, 6-4.
 Lee Yu-Wing beat G. H. Wigglesworth, 6-0, 6-0.

Singapore XV To Play Series Of Games In HK

A Singapore United Services Rugby XV is expected to arrive in the Colony at 4 p.m. tomorrow by RAF plane and will be met by representatives of the three Services.

During their stay here they will play the Club on Saturday at the Valley while on the following Wednesday they will meet the United Services Hong Kong XV at Sookunpoo at 4 p.m.

The big game of their tour will be against the Colony side on Saturday, March 5, at the Club Ground.

The side to represent the Colony was selected yesterday and the selectors appear to have produced a well balanced XV which will take much to overcome.

At Cessford (Club), R. de Roma (Club), D. Henderson (Club), 2/Lt. Pritchett (Army), Mid. Tulip (Belmont), D. Nolan (Club), J. R. Henderson (Club), Lt. E. McClement (Tamar), N. L. Moffan (Club), H.M.G. Forsgate (Club), 2/Lt. Poppa (Army), Cdr. Dalglis (Tamar) Captain, CPO Tel. Slovell (Black Swan), L.V. Carrel (Club) and J. Wane (Club).

Reserves: J. Goss (Army), P. Hutson (Club) and A.B. Mitchell (Tamar).

SCHOOL SOCCER

St. Joseph's College beat Diocesan Boys' School by three goals to one in a Senior Division School Football game at Happy Valley yesterday.

The game was played at a fast pace throughout, with Young Yuen, Chan Shu-shing, Stephen Chan, A. Leonard and A. K. Lamall outstanding for the winners.

The soccer spotlight this week centres on the four Sixth Round cup-ties. The remainder of the English league clubs have a full programme except those who were to have played teams still interested in the tourney.

One cannot imagine the Wolves-West Bromwich affair being anything but a thriller. Apart from the 'Local Derby' aspect of the clash both sides are renowned cup fighters and both are at present serving up the sort of football that can only end with honours.

Inter-Services Novices Fight Card

The preliminary rounds of the Inter-Services Novices' Boxing Championships were held at the Murray Barracks arena last night. The following were the results:

Middle Weight
 Corporal Brice (Army) beat A.B. Corbishley (Navy); A.B. McMeekin (Navy) beat A.B. Washington (Navy) and Corporal Nelson (Navy) beat Pte. Brennan (Army).

Welter Weight
 Corporal Simmons (Army) beat A.B. Fieldstone (Navy); A.B. Chance (Navy) beat A.B. Brown (Navy); L/Cpl. Alken (Army) beat A.B. Taylor (Navy); A.C. Campbell (RAF) beat Pte. Bridley (Army); Pte. Parlow (Army) beat Gnr. O'Kelly (Army); Gnr. Holmes (Army) beat A.C. Workman (RAF).

Heavy Weight
 P.O. Cook Williams (Navy) beat A.B. Chisholm (Navy); A.B. Chance (Navy) beat A.B. Brown (Navy); L/Cpl. Alken (Army) beat A.B. Taylor (Navy); A.C. Campbell (RAF) beat Pte. Bridley (Army); Pte. Parlow (Army) beat Gnr. O'Kelly (Army); Gnr. Holmes (Army) beat A.C. Workman (RAF).

Light Weight
 Mnc. Lewis (Navy) beat Pte. Boxall (Army); Pte. Glanville (Army) beat Pte. Lunn (Army).
Feather Weight
 A.B. Fairhurst (Navy) beat A.B. Newbury (Navy); A.B. Moore (Navy) beat Sgt. Richards (Army); A.C. Bradley (RAF) beat Pte. Murphy (Army).
Bantam Weight
 Pte. Kerry (Army) beat Pte. Lloyd (Army); A.B. Pridett (Navy) beat Gnr. Orrick (Army).

RECREIO 1ST XI

The following have been selected to represent the Club de Recreio 1st XI in a First League Cricket match against Royal Navy at King's Park on Saturday, February 26, at 1.45 p.m.

A. M. Prata (Captain), P. M. N. da Silva Jr., Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Dr. H. L. Ozeiro, Dr. E. L. Gosano, A. P. Pereira Jr., G. N. Gosano, L. G. Gosano, E. T. Gosano, N. A. Beltrao and E. M. L. Soares.
 Umpire: Mr. A. V. Gosano.

RECREIO 2ND XI

The following will represent Club de Recreio 2nd XI in a Second League Cricket match against Royal Navy on the latter's ground on Saturday, February 26, at 1.45 p.m.

A. E. Noronha (Capt.), J. L. S. Alves, L. E. Guterres, A. V. Lopes, A. G. Osmond, D. Remedios, R. Remolino, E. M. Rosario, J. Soares, E. Vieira and C. A. Yvanovich.

IRC 2ND XI

The following have been selected to represent the IRC 2nd XI in a Friendly Match with the Kowloon Cricket Club at Sookunpoo on Saturday, February 26, at 1.45 p.m. sharp.

I. Ali (Capt.), A. K. Markar, F. M. el Arculli, S. Abou, M. A. Bahab Jr., A. R. Ruzick, T. A. Dharman, A. Ebrahim, F. Mawalla, E. H. Esmail and Faisalab-houy.
 Score: T. H. Barma.

YMCA HOCKEY XI

The following will represent the YMCA in their Hockey Association Fixture against Dutch Hockey Club at Sookunpoo at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 27.

Cynnes, Ingills, Gibbons, Ingills, Salter, Readman, Hunt, Jakes, Boycott, Weldon and Blenkinsop. Reserves: Lapley and Robertson.

Close Fight For Cricket Honours

(By "Mid On")



As a result of their wins over Craigengower Cricket Club and HKCC "Optimists" respectively, Army and Recreio are still running neck and neck in the race for Senior Division Championship honours.

Army had an easy time at Sookunpoo where they won by a five-wicket margin, but Recreio had to fight every inch of their way to victory.

Feature of the Indians "Scorpions" match at Sookunpoo (which the latter won by the easy margin of five wickets) was a "hat-trick" by Howarth who took six wickets for 30 runs. While Howarth bowled consistently well, his figures were somewhat flatter in that the batsmen paid him more respect than was his due, on the run of play.

Abbas, the IRC captain, played very pretty cricket for his 42 runs. He is a much better batsman than his scores so far this season would indicate and it is a pity that he does not put in a little time at the nets for this "all-rounder" has definite possibilities and I would go so far as to tip him for an inter-club cup if he would take the game more seriously.

Stokes played his usual good, sound cricket for two short of the half-century when he was bowled by a beauty from John Arculli who appears to be striking his best form. He had three runs up to the pre-war IRC standard. I feel sure his analysis would have been a great deal better.

John will be leaving for England by the "Corfu" in early March to finish his articles and by the time he returns to the Colony, a full-fledged solicitor, his cricket should show vast improvement as to how much time he can spare on the game while in England, and it is an admitted fact that a little coaching from the right quarters usually works wonders with one's game—that is, of course, in cases where there is some possibilities to work upon.

Bowling honours for the week-end went to J.C. Koh of the University whose seven for 16 against the Navy was well deserved. He flung the ball well and to round off the afternoon's sport went on to make 10 not out when runs were sorely needed.

I am still in the dark as to whether the Kowloon-RAF affair (Second Division) was a League or friendly, as though it was reported as a friendly, I have heard that it was, in fact, a League match.

At any rate KCC won by six runs, the game being featured by some good bowling. Matthews had five for 30 for the Air Force while Randall, for KCC, took three wickets in four balls, conceding only one run in the process.

The alleged incident is said to have occurred near the Chinese frontier on December 6, when the Revenue Officer told the young woman that she would have to pay duty on the ice which she was carrying in two containers.

The accused are Yau Kam alias Lui Sheung and Liu Wah-kui. They are charged with having robbed Revenue Officer Yeung Leung of one 38 revolver, and to have wounded him with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

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(China Mail) Photos.



The London Welsh Rugby team which won the Far East Fleet Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament played at Causeway Bay yesterday. On the right, LSA Annandale, Captain of the team, is seen receiving the Challenge Shield. ("China Mail" Photos).

London Welsh Win Rugby Tournament

A thrilling finish marked the first Annual Far East Fleet Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament which was held yesterday, the coveted Challenge Shield being won by London Welsh who beat Black Swan Ducklings by six points to five.

On conclusion of the Tournament, the Challenge Shield was presented by Vice Admiral Sir E.J. Patrick Brind, Commander-in-Chief Far East Station, to LSA Annandale, Captain of the winning team.

The band of the Royal Marines was present and rendered selections during the interval.

The main competition took place on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay, before a large gathering of spectators, both Service and civilian.

Results in detail:
 Tamar Tigers beat Black Swan Ducklings 6-0; Black Swan Ducklings beat Belfast 27-0; London Welsh beat London Hospital 8-3; Black Swan Ducklings beat London Irish 20-0; Belfast Buccaneers beat Belfast Banishes 6-3; London Welsh beat Alacrity 6-0; Dampier beat Belfast Brigade 6-0; Tamar Terriers beat Conus 11-0; London Welsh beat Bruce 8-0; Dampier beat Tamar Terriers 9-5; Black Swan Ducklings beat Tamar Tigers 13-0; London Welsh beat Dampier 3-0; and London Welsh beat Black Swan Ducklings 6-5.

Alleged To Have Beaten, Robbed RO

A Chinese man and woman who are alleged to have beaten a Revenue Officer until he fainted and then robbed him of his revolver were arraigned before Mr. Justice Williams (Pulne Judge) and a jury at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

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Malayans Beat U.S. Shuttlers To Enter Finals

Glasgow, February 22.

Malaya qualified for the final of the Thomas Badminton Cup, in which they will meet Denmark by defeating the United States by six matches to three in the inter-zone final here tonight.

It was a desperately near thing, and the men from the Far East, who started warm favourites for the contest, had to fight for every point and only just scrambled home.

Indeed, in the nine-match contest, Malaya scored 274 points to America's 272—a margin of only two points.

It was better combination and team work in the doubles that just tipped the scales in favour of the Malaysians.

The Malaysians won all four doubles, but only two of the singles to three by the United States.

The Americans losing 2-3 before tonight's matches, fought back brilliantly in an endeavour to beat the favourites.

The American champion, Dave Freeman, gave perhaps the most brilliant exhibition of the shuttle game the world has ever seen in sweeping off the court in a matter of less than 20 minutes the Malaysian ace, Wong Peng Soon, by 15-4, 15-1.

Marten Mendez, another Californian, battled desperately to keep the Stars and Stripes flying and only just succumbed to the Malaysian champion, Ooi Teik Hock, who won after a 20-minute battle by 15-11, 17-10, 15-10—Reuter.

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